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REMARKS

Claims 1-33 and 91-93 are pending in the application. Claims 34-90 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 is an independent claims.

Claims 1-5, 20-22 and 91-93 stand rejected in the referenced office action.
Claims 6-19 and 23-33 have been objected to.

In the present document, independent claim 1 has been amended by including the substantive elements of claim 11. Claim 11 was indicated in the referenced office action as being allowable if rewritten as an independent claim.

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in Markush form including elements from claims 4 and 5.

Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled.

Claim 6 has been amended to make its language consistent with that of amended claim 1.

Claims 9 and 11 have been canceled.

Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled.

Claim 20 has been rewritten in Markush form including elements of claim 21.

Claims 21-23 have been canceled.

Claims 26-33 have been canceled.

New independent claim 95 has been added. This includes the substantive elements

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of claim 1 and allowable claim 23.

New dependent claims 96-100 have been added including elements from different previously filed claims.

New independent claim 101 has been added. This includes the substantive elements of claim 1 and allowable claim 28.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner's objections and rejections are addressed in substantially the same order as in the referenced office action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 22 and 91-93 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bittar* (US6359438) in view of *Moriarty* (EP 0723067). Claim 1 is an independent claim.

Claim 1 has been amended by including the substantive elements of claim 11. Claim 11 was indicated in the referenced office action as being allowable if rewritten as an independent claim. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 6-8, 10, 12-16, 20, 24, 25 and 91-93 that depend upon claim 1 are patentable under 35 USC § 103 over *Bittar* in view of *Moriarty* and the prior art of record.

New claim 94 includes the substantive elements of claim 1 and allowable claim 23. Accordingly, claims 94 and claims 95-100 that depend upon claim 94 are also allowable under 35 USC § 103 over *Bittar* in view of *Moriarty* and the prior art of record.

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New claim 101 includes the substantive elements of claim 1 and allowable claim 28. Accordingly, claims 101 is also allowable under 35 USC § 103 over *Bittar* in view of *Moriarty* and the prior art of record.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. A petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action is being filed with this document. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (414-34391-US).

Respectfully submitted,



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